

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - October 2009

Location	Date/Time	Deaths & Injuries	Property & Crop Dmg	Event Type and Details
ILLINOIS, Central				

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY --- 1.6 ESE STALEY [40.11, -88.29]

10/01/09 16:45 CST	20K	Lightning
10/01/09 16:45 CST	0	Source: Newspaper

A six unit apartment building on the west side of Champaign was struck by lightning, which caused a fire. Walls in one of the apartments were damaged, as well as a furnace. All of the occupants of the building escaped unharmed.

Isolated thunderstorms developed in parts of central and eastern Illinois ahead of a strong low pressure area in the upper Midwest, and its associated cold front. One of these thunderstorms produced lightning which caused a fire in Champaign County.

DE WITT COUNTY --- 3.4 NW WAPELLA [40.25, -89.02], 3.1 NW WAPELLA [40.25, -89.01], 2.9 NW WAPELLA [40.25, -89.01], 3.3 NW WAPELLA [40.25, -89.02]

10/23/09 05:00 CST	50K	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
10/23/09 05:00 CST	0	Source: Newspaper

Heavy rainfall around 3.00 inches in a 24 hour period, on already saturated ground, caused a portion of Sumpter Road, just south of its intersection with Carle Springs Road, to wash out. Standing water over the road hid the damage to the road. A truck trying to cross the water covered road fell into the hole created by washed out surface. The driver was not injured.

An intensifying, slow moving area of low pressure moved into central Illinois from late on October 22 into October 23. The result was a prolonged period of heavy rain on already saturated ground. Rainfall amounts in a 24 to 30 hour period ranged from 2.00 to 3.50 inches of rain. The heavy rain and saturated ground caused significant damage to a road in DeWitt County.

LOGAN COUNTY --- 2.3 NNW BURTON VIEW [40.20, -89.49], 2.2 SSE ATLANTA [40.24, -89.22], 1.1 E LATHAM [39.97, -89.15], 2.0 S ELKHART [39.99, -89.48]

10/30/09 13:00 CST	1	0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
10/31/09 23:59 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager

Numerous creeks, streams, ditches and rural roads in Logan County were flooded from the morning hours of October 30th until late in the morning of November 3rd. A 97 year old man drowned when he attempted to cross a water covered road about 0.5 mile south of Mt. Pulaski around 1030 AM CST October 31st.

Direct Fatalities: M97VE

A strong area of low pressure moving into the Midwest late on 10/29 and early on 10/30 tapped plenty of tropical moisture. It produced a prolonged period of heavy rainfall which resulted in widespread areal flooding in central Illinois between October 30th and November 3rd. Rain amounts of 2.00 to 3.00 inches were reported in much of central Illinois during a 30 hour period from late on 10/29 through 10/30/09. This was in addition to the more than 3.00 inches of rain which fell the previous week. Many rural roads, creeks and streams were flooded. A man in Logan County drowned when he attempted to cross a water covered roadway.